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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE: FIRSTSESSION OF PREPARATORY
COMMITTEE

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1. TANIGUCHI (HEAD, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS DIV, UN BUREAU, FONOFF),
TOLD US GOJ WAS GENERALLY SATISFIED WITH RESULTS OF FIRST PRE-
PCOM SESSION ALTHOUGH IT HAD BEEN SOMEWHAT ANNOYED THAT SECRE-
TARIAT HAD TAKEN UPON ITSELF THE TASK OF PREPARING A DETAILED
WORK PROGRAM FOR WFC IN FORM OF QUOTE ANNOTATIONS UNQUOTE TO
DRAFT AGENDA. TANIGUCHI SAID THAT IN JAPAN'S VIEW THE WORK
PROGRAM SHOULD HAVE BEEN LEFT FOR PREPCOM ITSELF TO DEVELOP
ON BASIS OF PROPOSALS BY GOVERNMENTS. HE COMMENTED THAT
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SECRETARIAT'S ANNOTATIONS WERE HEAVILY SLANTED TOWARDS
CONCERNS OF LDC'S AND APPEARED TO BE QUOTE ANOTHER INSTANCE

OF SECRETARIAT PUTTING IDEAS IN HEADS OF GROUP OF 77 UNQUOTE.

2. TANIGUCHI SAID JAPANESE DELEGATION TO FIRST PREPCOM HAD BEEN PREPARED TO MAKE ONE SUBSTANTIVE PROPOSAL CONCERNING THE CONFERENCE AGENDA, BUT HAD NOT DONE SO SINCE AGENDA DEBATE HAD BEEN LARGELY OF GENERAL NATURE. HE ASSUMED THAT GOJ DELEGATION WOULD MAKE THE PROPOSAL AT NEXT MEETING, IN FORM OF PROPOSED ADDITION OF SUB-ITEM (D) TO PARA 4 OF ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA, AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORLD WIDE SYSTEM TO COLLECT AND ANALYZE INFORMATION ON FOOD CROP PRODUCTION, DEMAND AND STOCKS AS WELL AS TO IMPROVE FORECASTING OF MARKET OUTLOOK UNQUOTE. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT GOJ PROBABLY WOULD OPPOSE INCLUSION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AS A SEPARATE ITEM IN FINAL CONFERENCE AGENDA.

3. TANIGUCHI SAID THAT IN KEEPING WITH IMPORTANCE GOJ ATTACHES TO WFC, JAPAN WILL SEND A QUOTE SUBSTANTIAL UNQUOTE DELEGATION TO SECOND PREPCOM.
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